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HUFFINGTON vs. RAYTHEON: WILL A MAJOR FLAP IN SANTA BARBARA SPILL OVER TO NOVEMBER???

Editor's note: Outside of the 22nd C.D. of U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington (R-Santa Barbara), what CALPEEK is about to report on is not well known. But within the 22nd C.D., this story has legs. Here's our report & analysis...

...Raytheon's Electromagnetic Systems Division in Goleta has about 1,400 workers --- making it one of the 22nd C.D.'s largest employers. On Oct. 20th of last year, Santa Barbara News-Press political reporter Scott Wilson wrote a story that could end up as the centerpiece of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's best argument of why Huffington isn't good for Calif. business...

...In that Oct. 20th story, Raytheon's general mgr. Jack Gressingh told the News-Press that he traveled to Washington DC to request Huffington's help in getting a \$100 million contract to sell a defensive weapons system to Taiwan. Guess what? **Huffington refused to help.** The News-Press story says Gressingh was "flabbergasted" at being turned away by the freshman House member. According to the account in the newspaper, Huffington told Gressingh that it would be inappropriate to act on behalf of a single company. In an Oct. 20th interview on KEYT Radio, Huffington said that Raytheon's request was unethical --- according to a transcript CALPEEK obtained...

...Is it standard practice for a member of congress to lobby on behalf of a company in their district? It happens all the time, according to CALPEEK sources...

...On Oct. 21st the News-Press ran an editorial taking Huffington to task for his stand (The Huffington Rebuff -- *Refusing to go to bat for Raytheon contract sends bad signal*). Letters to the editor in the following days weren't supportive of Huffington; and the story has

been kept alive by the Santa Barbara Independent, who always refer to Huffington as "our alleged congressman." Not good news for Michael...

...Bottomline: sources say Huffington's multi-million dollar TV attacks to unseat DiFi in November using the Clinton economic plan as a focal point will get flushed once this story gets outside the 22nd C.D. Will DiFi's campaign team turn this Huffington mistake into a 30-second TV hit? Bet your first born. Stay tuned...

THE UNZ FACTOR: IS RON HAVING AN IMPACT ON GOP???

Editor's note: It has been about one month since Silicon Valley businessman Ron Unz entered the GOP race for governor, pumping \$1 million of his own into radio, newspaper and TV ads. What kind of an impact is he having? Here's our update & analysis...

...The past 10 days have been pretty good for the 32-year-old Unz, who finally got Gov. Pete Wilson's campaign to acknowledge that he exists. He does a lot more than that. For the last several days he's been after the governor on the one issue where Wilson likes to think he's safe: **crime**. The newest 30-sec. Unz TV attack blames the governor for a series of snafus which caused delays in deploying the CA Nat'l Guard during the 1992 L.A. riots. Wilson's campaign is furious with this hit. And this past week Unz was in Sacto, where he went after the governor's parole policy, accusing the administration of allowing nearly 2/3rds of all criminals who violate parole to remain free. Both are solid hits...

...Are these recent attacks having an impact? Although no tracking polls have been made public, it's believed that Unz now has about 50% soft name ID among GOP voters. That means that 50% have heard something about him, but this doesn't necessarily translate into

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votes. But several CALPEEK sources have said that in specific legislative districts, where GOP pollsters are tracking different races, Unz shows up in double digits -- higher than 10%, but under 20%; and the undecided vote is beginning to climb, meaning Wilson's base may be weakening. So the bottomline is that Unz is beginning to score points. And it's *believed* that if GOP members of the legislature had the guts to go public, more than 3/4ths would cast their ballots for Unz in June...

...Could Unz pull the upset of the century in American politics? Unless he's willing to throw in another \$3-4 million, odds aren't very high that he'll beat Wilson. But just his presence on the ballot will draw out a heavier than usual conservative vote and this will undoubtedly impact a number of other primary races. And if Unz should score 30-35%, Wilson could be in serious trouble come the fall. Stay tuned...

43rd A.D. SPECIAL: WHO WILL REPLACE NOLAN???

Editor's note: The most interesting aspect about this May 3rd special is that one of the better known GOP candidates in the regular June 7th primary is NOT on the ballot for this special. Here is CALPEEK's update and analysis...

...There are 4 Republicans, 2 Demos and a Libertarian seeking to replace Pat Nolan, who resigned his Assembly seat several months ago after pleading guilty to political corruption charges. The leading Demo contender is former Asst. U.S. Atty. Adam Schiff, while the top GOP contenders are L.A. Muni Court Judge James Rogan and L.A. Community College Trustee Julia Wu. Sources say it's unlikely Rogan, Wu or Schiff could win this special without a June 28th runoff...

...Not in the special is L.A. Police Officer Peter Repovich. His strategy of passing the special seems somewhat risky to a number of sources, but Repovich's team seems confident this strategy will work and they will let Wu and Rogan bash each other in the special. Whether this tactic will prove correct remains to be seen, but Wu has gone on the attack against Rogan, blasting Rogan's past membership in the Calif. Demo Party and the L.A. Co. Demo Central Cmt. where some remember him as a moderate Demo. When he became a Goper in the late 1980s, he shifted to the *far right*...

...Who's ahead among the Republicans? In the en-

dorsement game, Rogan is leading. Most conservative members of the Assembly GOP Caucus are backing him. In terms of money, again, Rogan would appear to have an edge in the special over Wu. But Repovich has been loaned \$310,000 by a close friend, Susan Barnes. One reason Repovich may have decided to pass the special was because Prop. 73 contribution rules apply, meaning no contributions of more than \$1,000 from individuals. He's raised about \$30,000 in funds from other sources, but that's puny compared to Wu and Rogan, who is now being backed by Allied Business PAC...

...Best guess: Schiff wins the Demo special, but it could be pretty close between Wu and Rogan, with perhaps a slight edge to Rogan. Stay tuned...

1994 LEGISLATIVE RACES: PRIMARY BATTLES.

Editor's note: Here is another update on 1994 primary battles for Legislative seats...

● **41st A.D.** - This West L.A., Santa Monica, Malibu and West Valley district is currently represented by Demo Terry Friedman, who is leaving the Assembly to run for a Superior Court judgeship. The district has a 50% Demo vs. 36% GOP registration edge --- meaning it leans Demo. The two Republicans are reserve L.A. Deputy Sheriff Michael T. Meehan and banker Peter Eason of Calabasas. It's a toss up as to which one wins. Both are young and inexperienced on the stump...

...On the Demo side there are 6 candidates --- of which 4 have the potential to win. They include environmentalist Roger Jon Diamond; law professor Sheila James Kuehl; attorney Edward Tabash; and mountains conservancy director Bill Rothbard. In the second tier is educator/resources mgr. Pat McGuire, who is gay and describes himself as a moderate. In the final tier is L.A. City Trans. Comm. John Shallman. U.S. Reps. Howard Berman and Henry Waxman are *neutral*, as is Friedman, but make no mistake, Rothbard is a close friend. In terms of money, Tabash will toss in about \$250,000 of his own, while Rothbard has loaned himself \$90-Gs. Kuehl is a lesbian and the only female in the primary. She's got a ton of good endorsements and has solid funding. Rothbard touts his law & order support; Tabash has been endorsed by CARAL; and Diamond pushes his environmental support, plus the endorsement of L.A. Councilman Marvin Braude. Many sources

think this race is a toss up between Kuehl, Tabash, Rothbard and Diamond, while others believe this is Kuehl's race to win or lose...

● **74th A.D.** - This is the San Diego area district now represented by Bob Frazee, who is retiring after 16 years in the Assembly. Educator/businesswoman Poppy Dennis is the only Demo. She'll have a tough time in November because this A.D. is solid GOP turf. There are 6 GOPers in the field. There were 7, but businessman Alan Uke failed to collect enough signatures and was tossed out. So the top tier includes Carlsbad tax attorney Howard Kaloogian, who has the support of hardline conservatives; former Del Mar Mayor Ronnie Delaney; Del Mar business exec Tim Haidinger, a very well connected GOPer who heads the local Lincoln Club; and former Vista Mayor Fred Clayton. Haidinger, Delaney and Clayton are moderates on social issues. Of this group, Haidinger and Kaloogian would seem to be the best positioned, but Clayton has deep pockets and Delaney has good name ID. However, if as expected the moderates split part of the GOP vote, Kaloogian, with solid hardline conservative support, could end up on top. A very close primary as of now...

● **57th A.D.** - This is the East L.A./San Gabriel Valley district of Hilda Solis, who is moving up to run for the State Senate after one term. A small field of Demos are competing for this seat. They are water board member Tony Fellow, who ran 2 years ago and finished 3rd; Baldwin Park Councilman Martin Gallegos; and La Puente Councilman Charles Storing. While the district has a very heavy Hispanic population, the voter turnout in the past has been more on the Anglo side --- and the turnout is usually very low. Gallegos has won the endorsement of Solis and many of her Demo colleagues in the legislature. L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina is *neutral*, but former Demo Assemblywoman Sally Tanner is backing Fellow. Gallegos will probably raise more money than Fellow and Gallegos has won the important endorsement of the CA Demo Party. On paper, Gallegos appears to have an edge...

● **47th A.D.** - Here's a quick update. Congressional aide Ed Johnson picked up the endorsement of the CA Demo Party(CDP), giving him perhaps a slight edge on attorney Kevin Murray, Valerie Lynn Shaw and attorney Geoff Gibbs in this primary. But Shaw is starting

to make moves and most sources think this race will boil down to a battle between those candidates with the strong community ties --- Murray, Shaw & Johnson...

● **40th S.D.** - A report in the San Diego Union suggests that State Sen. Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista) may be in for a tougher primary than normal because the NRA may be gearing up to put resources into the campaign of perennial Demo candidate Lincoln Pickard. FYI: Peace's successor in the Assembly, Denise Ducheny, could be in big trouble in the June Demo primary because the NRA is telling folks that she wouldn't have won without their support. It's causing lots of trouble for her. Stay tuned...

GARAMENDI TO ADDRESS COMMONWEALTH CLUB.
Demo gubernatorial candidate John Garamendi will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., May 10, Grand Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel, S.F. For info (415)597-6705...

CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.
Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

● **79th A.D. Recount** - Chula Vista Mayor Tim Nader, who lost the April 12 special election to fill the unexpired term of Demo Assemblyman Steve Peace, has requested a recount by the San Diego Co. Registrar of Voters. Nader lost to Denise Ducheny by a slim 28 votes. Nader's team is concerned because 653 ballots were not counted because they were not fully punched by voters. We'll keep you posted...

● **Growing Opposition to Prop. 180** - There is now formal opposition to Prop. 180, a proposed \$2 billion G.O. bond measure known as the CA Parks & Wildlife Bond(CalPAW). According to Taxpayers Against Prop. 180, if passed this bond would create a 25-year obligation of \$3.5 billion, making it the largest bond in CA history. The main point behind the NO on 180 campaign is that this particular bond measure is for non-essential programs. Consultants Butcher, Forde & Mollrich are handling the NO on 180 campaign. Stay tuned...

SLATE CARD MADNESS: THE WHO'S WHO OF SLATES.

Editor's note: It was the late Jerry Goldberg who used say that **slates & slate cards** were a political invention which came west from Chicago. Others think the slate concept is from New York City. Here's a brief update on SLATES for the June primary...

...There is some disagreement among CALPEEK sources as to who is the "father" of the modern day Calif. slate. Some suggest it was the late Phil Burton of San Francisco, while others think it is none other than Demo Assemblyman Willard Murray. Years ago when Murray was working for Mervyn Dymally, they put together a tabloid called The Community Democrat - a slate aimed at voters in South Central L.A....

...Sometime in the mid-1970s, consultant Michael Berman rolled out a slate card with a *donkey* as a logo, which he called The Voter Guide. For years Berman had a monopoly until Your Ballot Guide was produced by consultants Jill Barad & Larry Levine. And for a long time all the big slates were produced by Demo consultants. Allan Hoffenblum was the first consultant to produce a statewide GOP slate. Today, voters are flooded with slates and it's a mega-buck business...

...Here's a brief rundown on the major slates produced by political consultants that will be arriving in about 3 weeks. The name of the slate is in *italic*, followed by the name of the consultant (where available). And remember, there are many groups, including unions, political clubs and PACs who also will produce slates...

...**Demo slates** - *Voter Information Guide*(Larry Levine); *Your Ballot Guide*(Jill Barad); *Voter Guide* (Berman & D'Agostino Campaigns); *Democratic Voter Guide II*(Jerry Seedborg); *Access Now for Gay & Lesbian Equality*(David Mixner); *Your Pro-Choice Voter Guide* and *Your Law & Order Voter Guide*(Bill Berry & Phil Muller). In addition, there is U.S. Rep. *Maxine Waters Official Sample Ballot slate*(Leslie Winner) and *The Calif. Democrat*(Assemblyman Willard Murray). Also Demo consultant Clint Reilly will produce a slate as will Demo consultant Larry Remer (limited to San Diego)...

...**GOP slates** - *Non Partisan Candidate Evaluation Council*(Allan Hoffenblum); *Team for the 90s*(Wayne Johnson); *Taxfighters Voter Guide*(Butcher, Forde &

Mollrich); *Citizens Safety Council*(David Fondots); *So. Calif. Voter Guide*(Pete Schabarum's slate)...

...Slatemaker Fred Huebscher will produce Demo, GOP and DTS(declined to State) slates for this cycle; and consultant Paul Michael Neuman will produce a slate aimed at senior citizens. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Deceased: Richard M. Nixon, 81-years-old, 37th President of the United States. 1913-94. R.I.P...

- Aaron Berg, former COS to Assemblyman Nao Takasugi(R-Oxnard), has joined Sacto-based McNally Temple Assoc. as a Sr. AE...

- Pam Greenwalt has been promoted to VP of media production & placement, Goddard*Claussen/First Tuesday. Greenwalt works in the firm's Malibu office...

- Alfred Charles has joined Sacto-based Cavalier & Associates...

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